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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request: EPA-HQ-2013-002902

Dear Dr. Wendroff:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 30, 2012, requesting:

- (1)..."copies of all documents submitted to EPA/ORD by Nicole A Hagans and/or Nicholas A. Robbins, requesting funding for her/his/their research in Bolivia and Peru which resulted in their (attached) paper "Mercury Production and Use in Colonial Andean Silver Production: Emissions and Health Implications...includes a copy of her/his/their project proposal." and
- (2) ..."copies of all documents submitted by EPA/ORD to Nicole A. Hagans and/or Nicholas A. Robbins, relating to her/his/their request for funding of the aforementioned research."


A specific funding action was never submitted to EPA/ORD by Nicole A. Hagans and/or Nicholas A. Robbins for research which resulted in the paper, "*Mercury Production and Use in Colonial Andean Silver Production: Emissions and Health Implications.*" The \$4,000 cited in a previous FOIA response, HQ-FOI-01309-12, represents the stipend that supported Nicole A. Hagans' tenure at EPA while supporting this work.

This completes EPA's response to your request. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.A. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only) Fax (202) 566-2147, E-mail hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand

delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30-calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the case identification: EPA-HQ-2013-002902. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



 Amy E. Battaglia
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and Resource Management